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State revokes, suspends licenses, certifications, registrations of health care providers

OLYMPIA — The Washington State Department of Health has revoked or suspended the licenses, certifications, or registrations of health care providers in our state. The department has also immediately suspended the credentials of people who have been prohibited from practicing in other states.

The department's Health Systems Quality Assurance Division works with boards, commissions and advisory committees to set licensing standards for more than 80 health care professions (e.g., medical doctors, nurses, counselors).

Information about health care providers is on the agency's website. Click on "[Look up a health care provider license](#)" in the "How Do I?" section of the [Department of Health home page](#) (www.doh.wa.gov). The site includes information about a health care provider's license status, the expiration and renewal date of their credential, disciplinary actions and copies of legal documents issued after July 1998. This information is also available by calling 360-236-4700. Consumers who think a health care provider acted unprofessionally are also encouraged to call and report their complaint.

Benton County

In February 2015 the Unlicensed Practice Program entered an agreement with **Susan Hartzell** that requires her to cease and desist from practicing as a veterinary technician. Hartzell has no veterinary technician license, but she performed the duties of that profession for nearly a year.

Chelan County

In February 2015 the Medical Commission revoked the credential of physician **John G. Thomas** (MD00030424). His license was immediately suspended in June 2014. Thomas abused controlled substances, diverted drugs from the hospital where he worked, and prescribed drugs for himself. He also inappropriately touched the breasts of adult female patients who were under general anesthesia about 15 times.

Clallam County

In December 2014 the secretary of health immediately suspended the certified nursing assistant credential of **Hope M. Young** (NC10072571). The Department of Social and Health Services

determined that Young mistreated vulnerable adults by physically and mentally abusing elderly dementia patients. In February 2015 the secretary of health suspended Young indefinitely. Young can't be employed in caring for or having unsupervised access to vulnerable adults.

Cowlitz County

In February 2015 the Unlicensed Practice Program ordered **Ynika D. King** to cease and desist from the practice of massage, and fined her \$1,000. King, who doesn't have a massage practitioner credential, advertised online that she performs massage.

Grant County

In January 2015 the Nursing Commission indefinitely suspended the registered nurse credential of **Lee Ann Dreyer** (RN60185221). While she worked at a hospital, Dreyer showed lack of knowledge about basic nursing procedures. The treatment she provided to patients was questionable. Dreyer pinched and bruised a patient while giving a shot, didn't know how to administer an antibiotic, didn't know how to use a medication dispenser, and didn't respond when a patient's oxygen monitoring alarm went off.

Grays Harbor County

In February 2015 the Occupational Therapy Board charged occupational therapy assistant **Willis Jay Grinols IV** (OC60165362) with unprofessional conduct and then immediately suspended his credential. In 2014 Grinols was convicted of two counts of second-degree identity theft, four counts of forgery, and one count of second-degree theft in connection with the theft of cash and checks from patients at a facility where he worked. He also didn't comply with a substance abuse monitoring contract. The Department of Social and Health Services found Grinols financially exploited a vulnerable adult, and will not allow him to be employed in caring for or having unsupervised access to vulnerable adults.

Island County

In January 2015 the Nursing Commission indefinitely suspended the registered nurse credential of **Gail Ann Linville** (RN60211514). In 2014 Linville surrendered her California license.

King County

In January 2015 the Nursing Commission indefinitely suspended the registered nurse credential of **Gwendolyn Scarlett Blanton** (RN00111503). Blanton worked at a hospital chemical dependency center that admitted a patient for alcohol detoxification who had multiple health problems. Blanton documented assessing the patient, but later admitted she hadn't, and didn't take a blood pressure reading as required.

In January 2015 the Nursing Commission entered an agreement with registered nurse **Elizabeth E. Betterton**, also known as Elizabeth Maughan (RN00165191), that suspended her credential for at least two years. She didn't comply with a substance abuse monitoring contract.

In January 2015 the Nursing Commission suspended the registered nurse credential of **Amira Toufic Chebli** (RN60204383) for at least two years. She didn't comply with a substance abuse monitoring contract.

In February 2015 the Medical Commission withdrew a statement of charges against physician **Alan Bunin** (MD00010954). Bunin entered an informal agreement placing him on probation and requiring use of an electronic record-keeping system. Bunin must participate in a substance abuse monitoring program, and must follow a commission-approved written office plan to improve his practice.

In February 2015 the secretary of health indefinitely suspended the registered nursing assistant credential of **Mark Kirby Pain** (NA60153198). A drug test indicated Pain was under the influence of alcohol while caring for a vulnerable adult.

Pierce County

In January 2015 the Nursing Commission modified an agreement with licensed practical nurse **Sheila C. Cruse** (LP00032550) in which she permanently surrenders her credential. The agreement modifies a 2009 stipulation in connection with issues involving oxycodone administration, documentation and disposal.

In February 2015 the secretary of health suspended the registered nursing assistant credential of **Rhonda J. Larson** (NA00053897) for at least three years. Larson worked at an adult family home and asked a vulnerable adult who lived there for money to pay her cell phone bill. Larson told the resident the bill was \$6, but his bank statement showed Larson had taken \$123.84 from his account.

Spokane County

In February 2015 the Nursing Assistant Program charged registered nursing assistant **Tricia Ann Lund** (NA00061203) with unprofessional conduct, and then immediately suspended her credential. While working at an assisted living facility, Lund was assigned to care for a developmentally delayed patient who has frequent seizures, has issues with her balance, and is prone to falls. Two times Lund left the patient alone in her apartment and the patient became agitated and tried to destroy property. When Lund didn't supervise the patient during a shower, the patient fell and hit her head. The Department of Social and Health Services found Lund neglected a vulnerable adult and is not allowed to be employed in caring for or having unsupervised access to vulnerable adults.

Whatcom County

In January 2015 the Nursing Commission entered an agreement with registered nurse **Tiina Reed** (RN00107061) that surrenders her credential. Emergency services workers took a

vulnerable adult who lived in the home of Reed and her husband to a hospital. The patient depended on Reed for help with daily activities. She had a stage one pressure sore, her clothing was urine-soaked, and dried fecal matter was on her body. The Department of Social and Health Services made a finding of neglect. Reed is not allowed to be employed in caring for or having unsupervised access to vulnerable adults.

In February 2015 the secretary of health indefinitely suspended the respiratory care practitioner and registered nursing assistant credentials of **Scott Warren Reed** (LR00001309, NA00084710). A vulnerable adult who lived in the home of Reed and his wife was taken to a hospital by emergency services workers. The patient depended on Reed for help with daily activities. She had a stage one pressure sore, her clothing was urine-soaked, and dried fecal matter was on her body. The Department of Social and Health Services made a finding of neglect. Reed may not be employed in caring for or having unsupervised access to vulnerable adults.

Out of State

California: In February 2015 the Naturopathy Board indefinitely suspended the naturopathic physician credential of **Edmund M. Corpuz** (NT00001270). Corpuz admitted treating patients over Skype with no visual or physical contact. He didn't perform adequate exams and didn't keep any records for the patients he treated. Corpuz prescribed a substance for weight loss that isn't approved for that use, lacks evidence of being safe and effective, and has potentially serious side effects.

California: In February 2015 the Medical Commission indefinitely suspended the credential of physician **John G. Williams** (MD60071461). In 2014 Williams surrendered his California license.

Colorado: In February 2015 the Nursing Commission charged registered nurse **Erin McCall Arndt** (RN60481487) with unprofessional conduct and then immediately suspended her credential. In 2014 the Minnesota Board of Nursing revoked Arndt's credential to practice in that state for at least five years after learning she'd lied on her application about issues involving controlled substances.

Maine: In January 2015 the Nursing Commission indefinitely suspended the registered nurse credential of **Nicolle Dauphinee** (RN60262661), who surrendered her Maine license in connection with a finding that she diverted narcotics from her employer.

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